

James Madison to Dolley Payne Madison, August 27, 1814. Transcription: The Writings of James Madison, ed. Gaillard Hunt. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1900-1910.

TO MRS. MADISON.¹

1 From the family papers of the late J. Henley Smith, Esq., of Washington.

Brookville Aug 27th 10 oclock

My Dearest,

Finding that our army has left Montgomery C. H. we pushed on to this place, with a view to join it, or proceed to the City, as further information might prescribe. I have just recd. a line from Col Monroe saying that the enemy were out of Washington & on the retreat to their ships, & advising our immediate return to Washington. We shall accordingly set out thither immediately, you will all of course take the same resolution. I know not where we are in the first instance, to hide our heads; but shall look for a place on my arrival Mr Rush offers his house in the six buildings & the offer claims attention. Perhaps I may fall in with Mr Cutts & have the aid of his advice. I saw Mr Bradley at Montgomery C. H. who told me that Mr Cutts was well. Jamey will give you some particulars truly yours.

P. S I have not time to write, since the above it is found necessary to detain Jamey & send a trooper.